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SUBJECT: SWEDISH ACTIVITIES RE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR

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1. SEEING SWEDISH PERMREP AT A RECEPTION EVENING JUNE 17, AMBASSADOR BENNETT ASKED WHAT HAD HAPPENED WITH RESPECT TO SWEDISH INTEREST IN UNDP ADMINISTRATOR POST. RYDBECK REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: HE HAD HAD THE CHANCE OF A FEW WORDS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13. HE CARRIED OUT HIS EXISTING INSTRUCTION TO RAISE QUESTION WITH SYG BUT IN VIEW HIS RECOMMENDATION TO STOCKHOLM TO DESIST FROM CANDIDACY HE MERELY TOLD SYG SWEDEN MIGHT HAVE A CANDIDATE TO PROPOSE. WALDHEIM RESPONDED THAT HOUR WAS LATE TO BE PROPOSING NEW CANDIDATES.

2. DURING WEEKEND, RYDBECK RECEIVED RENEWED INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE THE MATTER OF SWEDISH CANDIDACY WITH SYG. HE MET WALDHEIM AT SOCIAL OCCASION ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15, AND TOOK MATTERS UP WITH HIM. THIS MEETING WAS, OF COURSE, AFTER SECSTATE MEETING WITH SYG MORNING JUNE 15. WALDHEIM
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REPLIED AGAIN TO RYDBECK THAT IT WAS VERY LATE TO BE

PROPOSING A CANDIDATE. FURTHERMORE, HE WENT ON, U.S. HAD EARLIER NOMINATED A CANDIDATE AND HAD MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THEY EXPECTED POST TO CONTINUE TO BE HELD BY AMERICAN. THEREFORE WALDHEIM COULD HOLD OUT NO HOPE FOR SWEDISH CANDIDATE.

3. RYDBECK ACCEPTS LOGIC AND REALITIES OF ABOVE, ALTHOUGH HE COMMENTED TO BENNETT THAT SWEDEN ALSO PLAYS ACTIVE ROLE IN UNDP AND IN HIS VIEW COULD NOT BE DENIED RIGHT TO ASPIRE TO HOLD ADMINISTRATOR POST AT SOME TIME. HE SAID HE HAD REPORTED FULLY TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND HAD AGAIN URGED THAT MATTER BE DROPPED. HE DID NOT AS OF EVENING JUNE 17 KNOW CONCLUSIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT.
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